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**Mail Stop Patent Application**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Re: New U.S. Patent Application  
Title: METHOD OF PRODUCING SYNTHETIC POLYMER  
GEL AND SAID GEL  
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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. Application - 27 pages, including title page and abstract, and including 7 independent claims and 31 claims total.
2. Drawings - 1 sheet of formal drawings containing FIG. 1.
3. Information Data Sheet (2 pgs.).
4. The filing fee is calculated as follows:

<b>Basic Application Filing Fee</b>						<b>\$ 750.00</b>
	Number of Claims		Basic	Extra Claims	Rate	
Total Claims	31	-	20	11	X \$ 18	\$ 198.00
Independent Claims	7	-	3	4	X \$ 84	\$ 336.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim(s)					+ \$ 280	= 0.00
<b>Subtotal</b>						<b>\$ 1,284.00</b>
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<b>TOTAL APPLICATION FILING FEE</b>						<b>\$ 1,284.00</b>

5. A check for \$ 1,284.00 is enclosed. The fee includes:

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\$ 534.00 additional claims fee.

Applicant claims the right to priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-265123, filed September 11, 2002, in Japan. Applicant also claims the right to priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) based on U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/416,591, filed October 8, 2002, in the United States.

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This application is being filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) and (f). Applicant awaits notification from the Patent and Trademark Office of the time set for filing the executed Declaration.

**Please accord this application an application number and a filing date.**

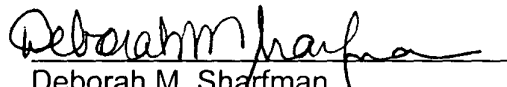
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees due and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 during the pendency of this application to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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